

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 8, under "Background of the Invention", please replace the second paragraph in that section as follows:

-- Birds can be deterred from landing through the use of mechanical bird deterrents. Especially useful such devices have a plurality of spikes that extend in different directions from a base support, as seen in Figure 1. Numerous variations have been introduced over the years, including variations in the type of material (plastic, wire, etc) used for the spikes, the way the spikes are attached to the base, and the way the spikes are fanned out from the base. These and other variations are described in ~~pending US application~~ patent number 6775950 entitled "~~Bird Deterrent With Parallel Spike Channels~~" Double Bend and Crush Bird Deterrent Device", ~~filed on or about March 12, 2002 (serial number to be determined)~~, issued on August 17, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.--